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1. A Ministry of Defense is to be founded in East Germany immediately following the West German ratification of the contractual agreement and the failure of all requests for a four-power conference. Vincenz Müller, now secretary general of the National Democratic Party, may become Minister of Defense; Willi Stoph and Heinz Hoffmann will also obtain important posts. 1
2. The Ministry will control all units of the Volkspolizei, the Dienst für Deutschland, and a new auxiliary organization called the "Helfer der Volkspolizei."
1.   Comment: A rumor which appeared in the West Berlin newspaper Telegraf on 28 September 1952 asserts that Willi Zeisser will become Minister. The choice of a non-Communist seems unlikely.

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